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Jersey City Department of Health and Human Services Begins providing H1N1 Vaccine to the At-Risk Community

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy, members of the **Municipal Council** and the **Department of Health and Human Services** will begin providing the **H1N1 vaccine** to high-risk individuals on **Monday, November 23, 2009**. The vaccine will be available **Monday** through **Friday** between **10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** at **201 Cornelison Avenue**.

The vaccine will **ONLY be available** to individuals meeting the following five CDC targeted high risk groups: *(the order of target groups does not indicate priority)*

- Pregnant women
- People who live with or provide care for infants younger than 6 months of age
- Healthcare and emergency medical services personnel
- All people from 6 months through 24 years of age
- People 25 years through 64 years of age who have certain medical conditions (such as asthma, diabetes and compromised immune systems) that put them at a higher risk for influenza-related complications

Jersey City residents are advised that shipment of doses of the H1N1 **vaccine have been extremely limited**. We regret that we can only accommodate persons meeting the guidelines outlined above.

The vaccine will be provided free of charge to the targeted high risk groups, as listed above. No appointment is necessary and the vaccine will be administered on a first come, first serve basis while supplies lasts. **All persons receiving the vaccine must complete a consent form which will be made available at the site prior to receiving the vaccine.** The vaccine will not be administered to anyone without a completed consent form indicating their approval to receive the vaccine, and children must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian who will be required to fill out the consent form before vaccination will occur.

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On **Monday, Nov. 23, 2009** from **9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**, the **Dept. of Health and Human Services** in conjunction with **Christ Hospital** is also holding a one-day clinic for high-risk individuals meeting the above criterion, on a first come, first serve basis. The clinic will be held at **Christ Hospital Main Campus, 112-114 Palisade Avenue**.

Additionally, the **Dept. of Health and Human Services** has been working with the **Board of Education** to provide vaccinations to our city's more than 20,000 school-aged youth. On Monday, children at five public schools will be the first to receive vaccinations at the schools, which will be administered by a registered nurse. All children must have returned a completed consent form signed by a parent or legal guardian in order to receive the vaccine.

The **Dept. of Health and Human Services** will be providing updated information on future distribution of the vaccine at Points of Distribution (PODs) to be opened throughout Jersey City as the supply of H1N1 vaccine becomes available.

For further information please contact the **Mayor's Action Bureau** at **(201) 547-4900** or visit our website at jerseycitynj.gov.

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